

limited, and that every practicable reduction be made in expenditures of public moneys, that the State may be put upon a cash basis with no greater increase in taxation than is absolutely necessary are earnestly renewed. A failure to accomplish either of these purposes would be manifestly detrimental to the public welfare, and would justly subject the Legislature to severe and unqualified condemnation. High sounding declarations of economy are properly discredited, but actual retrenchment in these days of extravagance and profligacy would excite enthusiasm. Among expenses which can not be reached effectively in the appropriation bill, but which should be met by independent laws, are fees in examining trials, the law for which should be repealed; compensation of quarantine officers, which should be reduced; fees of attached witnesses in felony cases, which should be reduced by reducing the number that may be attached; and fees of sheriffs for attaching witnesses in felony cases, which should be reduced from \$2.50 to \$1 per day. As stating definitely and distinctly what measures it is believed should certainly be passed at this session, the following are named and earnestly pressed upon you:

1. A validating act in grants involving railway turnouts, reserving to the State the right to recover land where the title is yet in the companies, where the land has been transferred through foreclosure proceedings, where it has been transferred in evasion of the laws of alienation, and where suits have already been instituted.

2. Reform the criminal laws by equalizing challenges, provide that questions of venue and the like be not raised for the first time in the appellate court, that judgments be affirmed if an impartial trial has been had, and relieve the judges of the preparation of unnecessary opinions.

3. A comprehensive and effective anti-trust law.

4. A law against the consolidation of railway corporations.

5. A law providing for the assessment of railway property at its true value, having regard to the stock and bonds of the companies.

6. A law prohibiting the issuing of passes by railway companies except to bona fide officers and employes of the companies issuing them.

7. Laws providing for the collection of back taxes, and to prevent future delinquencies by strengthening tax titles.

8. A law increasing the rate of taxation on railroad, insurance, telephone, telegraph and express companies.

9. A law increasing the rate of taxation for school purposes to 20 cents, and for the collection of interest on land notes due the school fund by the Attorney General.

10. A law reducing the cost of assessments to be paid by the State to one-half

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for poll tax and one-third for all other taxes.

11. Laws limiting the fees of district attorneys to \$2500 and all county and precinct officers to \$2000.

12. Laws reducing the number of attached witnesses and the fees of sheriffs in felony cases.

13. Reapportioning and reducing the judicial districts to forty.

14. Laws named reducing expenses in examining trials and quarantine.

15. Reduction of expenses in the general appropriation bill to the most economical basis possible consistent with efficiency, and increase of the ad valorem rate of taxation, so that cash payments may be resumed by the Treasury, not exceeding 25 cents for 1895 and 20 cents for 1896.

C. A. CULBERSON.

Senator Boren moved that the message be inserted in the Journal, and that 200 extra copies be printed.

Carried.

The Chair announced the appointment of Senator Boren on the joint committee to consider the Revised Code, to succeed Senator Greer, resigned.

The following announcement was read:

Austin, Texas, March 5, 1895.

Governor Culberson will receive members of the Legislature, the judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Civil Appeals, heads of departments, and their wives, at the Executive Mansion, Thursday from 7 to 11 p. m.

Senator Beall gave notice of the filing of a minority committee report on Senate bill 198 (see caption in committee report above).

Senator Darwin moved to adjourn to 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

Senator Colquitt moved to adjourn to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.
Bailey.
Beall.
Boren.
Colquitt.
Darwin.
Dibrell.
Dickson.
Gage.
Goss.
Greer.
Lawhon.

Lewis.
McComb.
Presler.
Rogers.
Sherborne.
Sherrill.
Simpson.
Smith.
Stallard.
Steele.
Tipton.
Woods.

Absent—excused.

Agnew. McKinney.
Dean. Whitaker.
Harrison.

Absent—not excused.

Bowser.

Prayer by Dr. Law, of Baylor University.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Woods, same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for non-attendance on today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Boren, Porter Edwards was excused for today on account of sickness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 74, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2520, chapter 6, title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 65, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1563, chapter 5, title 32, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to disqualification of justices of the peace,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 213, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 9 of an act entitled 'An act to organize the Courts of Civil Appeals, to define their jurisdiction and powers, and to prescribe the mode of procedure therein,' passed at the first called session of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 13, 1892, relating to the issuing of the writ of mandamus by said courts or the judges thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 132, being a bill to be entitled "An act regulating the licensing of attorneys and counselors at law and the practice of the law within this State,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 75, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1889, chapter 8, title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 220, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 644b of an act entitled 'An act to amend title 20 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, entitled 'Private Corporations,' by adding another chapter thereto to be styled chapter 14, authorizing the construction, owning and operating deep water channels and docks,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 412, being a bill to be entitled "An act to impose an occupation tax upon general and local agents of life, fire, marine and accident insurance companies doing business in this State,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "one hundred," and inserting in

lieu thereof the words "twenty-five."

Also amend section 2 by striking out all of said section after the word "provided," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That local agents shall pay county occupation taxes in each and every county in which they do business."

TIPS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

Senate resolution, being "A resolution to abolish secret executive session,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

M'COMB, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 218, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of chapter 48, acts of the Twenty-second Legislature, approved April 1, 1891, entitled 'An act to carry into effect the constitutional amendment empowering counties and county commissioners precincts thereof to determine by vote whether a 15 cent road tax shall be levied by county commissioners court,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

STEELE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 207, being "An act to amend sections 1 and 7 of chapter 62 of the acts of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 28, 1893, and entitled 'An act to create a more efficient road system in the county of Guadalupe; and auxiliary thereto to provide for the appointment of road overseers; to define the powers and jurisdiction of the commissioners court with regard thereto; to utilize the labor of county convicts and defaulting poll taxpayers on the public roads of said county, and to provide adequate penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act,'"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

COLQUITT, Acting Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Greer:

Concurrent resolution No. 12:

Whereas, Senate bill No. 6, being "An

act to regulate primary elections," came back from the House with certain amendments, and through oversight, said amendments never reached the Enrolling Clerk and were not copied into said bill, nor concurred in by the Senate; and

Whereas, Said bill was enrolled and signed by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House, and presented to the Governor without said amendments, and it is now with the Governor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to return said bill to the Senate for further action thereon.

Adopted.

By Senator Steele:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 2 of 'An act relating to and regulating the investment of the permanent free school and other funds, to guard against any loss of such funds in making investments thereof, and to provide further evidence of the validity of bonds and securities purchased therewith, making the certificate of the Attorney General or other specified acts evidence of the validity of such bonds or securities, and to fix the jurisdiction of suits thereon,' approved March 24, 1885."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Greer:

A bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners court of Brazoria county, Texas, to order an election in said county to determine whether the road bonds of said county, to the amount of \$16,500, shall be issued; to provide for holding said election; to authorize said court to issue same in the event said election results favorably thereto; and to authorize said court to levy a tax not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property, to pay the interest on and create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas, March 5, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House, in accordance with the request of Senate, herewith returns House bill No. 538.

Also, that the House has concurred in the concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate requesting the return from the Governor of Senate bill No. 6.

Respectfully,

CHESTER HAILE, Chief Clerk.

IN SENATE.

House bill No. 357, "An act to provide for a board of examiners of finance in cities and incorporated towns with-

in this State, to prescribe the manner of their appointment and define their duties."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

House bill No. 94, "An act to amend article 521, chapter 11, of title 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the power of the board of aldermen over streets, alleys and other public places."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

On motion of Senator Gage, regular order of business was suspended to take up

Substitute House bill No. 120, "An act to encourage irrigation, and provide for the acquisition to the right to the use of water and for the construction and maintenance of canals, ditches, flumes, dams, reservoirs and wells for irrigation and for mining, milling and stockraising."

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Presler.
Beall	Rogers.
Boren.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Sherrill.
Dickson.	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Goss.	Stafford.
Lawhon.	Steele.
Lewis.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.

Nays—1.

Darwin.

Present, not voting.

Bailey.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.

Harrison.

Absent—not excused.

Bowser.	Greer,
Colquitt.	

On motion of Senator McComb, regular order of business was suspended to take up

Committee substitute for House bills Nos. 3 and 7, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 58 of chapter 122 of the general laws enacted by the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled 'An act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools for the State of Texas, defining the school funds, etc., approved May 20, 1893; to provide for separate boards of trustees for the white and colored schools of each school district; to provide for the maintenance of separate schools for white and colored children of each district; to provide for the apportionment of the school funds of each district to the respective schools thereof.'"

Bill read second time and passed to its third reading.

McComb moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Sherrill.
Gage.	Simpson.
Goss.	Tips.
Lawhon.	Woods.

Nays—7.

Boren.	Smith.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Dickson.	Steele.
Fresler.	

Absent—excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.

Absent—not excused.

Bowser.	Greer.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 66, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 566, chapter 2, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the Twenty-third Legislature, chapter 83, page 109."

Action being on the adoption of the first committee amendment, to-wit:

First—Amend sub-division No. 25, by adding in line 2, after the word "wholesale," the words "or retail."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Bailey.	Presler.
Darwin.	Rogers.
Dickson.	Steele.
Greer.	Tips.

Nays—16.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Beall.	McComb.
Boren.	Shelburne.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Goss.	Stafford.
Lawhon.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.

Second committee amendment read, to-wit:

Second—Amend by adding to the caption the words following: "Relating to the purpose for which private corporations may be formed."

Adopted.

Third committee amendment read, to-wit:

Third—Amend by adding:

"Section 48. The establishment and maintenance of yards for weighing, storing and selling cotton and other farm products."

Lost.

By Senator Dibrell:
Amend by striking out all of section 25 of article 566.

Adopted.

Senator Steele moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

Reconsidered by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Greer.
Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Boren.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dickson.	Tips.
Goss.	Woods.

Nays—8.

Dibrell.	McComb.
Gage.	Shelburne.
Lawhon.	Simpson.
Lewis.	Smith.

Absent—excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent—not excused.

Bowser.

The amendment was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Lawhon.	Stafford.
Lewis.	

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Boren.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dickson.	Tips.
Goss.	Woods.
Greer.	

Absent, excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend sub-division 29 by adding, "but this sub-division shall not permit incorporations with banking or discounting privileges."

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

Amend item 17, page 2, line 37, by striking out the word "corporate."

Adopted.

By Senator Bailey:

Amend by adding after sub-division 47, sub-division 48: "For the purpose of guaranteeing the owner of real estate and others interested therein against loss by reason of defective titles and other incumbrances of or upon such real estate."

Lost.

By Senator Smith:

Amend section 17 by striking out all after the word "purposes" in line 35.

Adopted.

Senator Beall moved to reconsider the vote by which the third committee amendment was lost.

Reconsidered.

The amendment was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dickson.	Tips.
Goss.	Woods.

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Boren.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Greer.	Stafford.
Lawhon.	

Absent—excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser. Steele.

Senator McComb moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment offered by Senator Smith was adopted.

Carried.

The amendment (Senator Smith's) was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Atlee.	Gage.
Boren.	Goss.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	

Nays—14.

Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Shelburne.
Dickson.	Sherrill.
Greer.	Simpson.
Lewis.	Steele.
McComb.	Tips.
Presler.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser. Lawhon.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out all after the word "employees" in line 4 of section 37, down to and including the word "proceeding," in line 9 of said section, and all after the word "decedents" in line 10 of said section, down to and including the word "act," in line 21 of said section.

(President Pro Tem Lewis in the chair.)

Pending action on Senator Dibrell's amendment, at the direction of the Chair the following communication from the Governor was read:

Executive Office, State of Texas,
Austin, March 6, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Dear Sir—Pursuant to the joint resolution adopted by both houses, I herewith return Senate bill No. 6, entitled "An act concerning primary elections," etc.

Very Respectfully,

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor.

Senator Greer moved to suspend regular business, and that

Senate bill No. 6, being a bill entitled "An act concerning primary elections called and held by authority of any political party, to prevent illegal voting at same; to prevent bribery and betting at same, and false returns thereof, and providing penalties therefor,"

Be taken up for the purpose of acting upon House amendments to same, which had at previous action been omitted.

Carried.

Senator Greer then moved that the said amendments be read and acted upon separately.

Senator Simpson moved as a substitute that further action be postponed to tomorrow after call.

Carried.

Senator Steele called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which

House bill No. 538, being a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Hill, Grimes, Cooke and Bexar counties, Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said counties, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training of hedges along any public road, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Was passed, and same was reconsidered.

By Senator Sherrill:

Amend by adding Hunt county, Jackson county, Bee county, and Victoria county after the words "Cooke county," wherever they occur in the caption and in the body of the bill.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Gage.
Bailey.	Goss.
Beall.	Greer.
Boren.	Lawhon.
Colquitt.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	McComb.
Dickson.	Presler.

Shelburne.
Sherrill.
Simpson.
Smith.

Stafford.
Steele.
Tips.
Woods.

Nays—none.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.
Dean.
Harrison.

McKinney.
Whitaker.

Absent, not excused.

Bowser,
Darwin.

Rogers.

The bill then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.
Beall.
Boren.
Colquitt.
Dibrell.
Dickson.
Gage.
Goss.
Greer.
Lawhon.
Lewis.

McComb.
Presler.
Rogers.
Shelburne.
Sherrill.
Simpson.
Smith.
Stafford.
Steele.
Tips.
Woods.

Nays—none.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.
Dean.
Harrison.

McKinney.
Whitaker.

Absent, not excused.

Bailey.
Darwin.

Bowser.

Senator Boren moved to suspend regular business to take up

House concurrent resolution No. 16, relative to printing the Legislative Record and Journal.

Carried.

Resolution was read with committee amendments and adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Resuming consideration of Senate bill No. 66, the amendment offered by Senator Dibrell was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.
Boren.
Colquitt.
Dibrell.
Dickson.
Goss.

Lawhon.
McComb.
Smith.
Stafford.
Steele.

Nays—12.

Bailey.
Beall.
Gage.
Greer.
Lewis.
Presler.

Rogers.
Shelburne.
Sherrill.
Simpson.
Tips.
Woods.

Absent, excused.

Agnew.
Dean.
Harrison.

McKinney.
Whitaker.

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.

Darwin.

By Senator Presler:

Amend subdivision 37 by adding the following: "Provided, that guarantee or fidelity companies organized under the provisions of this section shall at all times keep on deposit with the Secretary of State not less than fifty thousand dollars in available cash assets, and that this amount be kept intact at all times."

Adopted.

By Senator Woods:

Amend article 566, section 16, line 33, page 2, by adding after the word "hotel," "or steam laundry."

Adopted.

By Senator Tips:

Amend section 28 by adding in line 70, after the word "construction," the words "or purchase."

Adopted.

Senator Smith moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Senator Sherrill moved to adjourn to 9:30 tomorrow morning.

The motion to adjourn to 10 a. m. tomorrow was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Atlee.	McComb.
Colquitt,	Shelburne.
Dibrell,	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Goss.	Stafford.
Lawhon.	Steele.
Lewis	

Nays—9.

Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Sherrill.
Boren.	Tips.
Greer.	Woods.
Presler.	

Absent—excused.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Dean.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.	Dickson.
Darwin,	

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee,	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Boren.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Shelburne.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Stafford.
Gage.	Steele.
Goss.	Tips.
Greer.	Woods.
Lawhon.	

Absent, excused.

Agnew,	Harrison.
Dean.	Whitaker.

Absent, not excused.

McKinney.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Sherrill, the same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Bailey:

Petition from citizens and business men of Parker county, protesting against the passage of House bill No. 13.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Bailey:

Petition from members of the bar of Weatherford, concerning the redistricting of their judicial district.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on General Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 133, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2376, chapter 1, title 42, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and to repeal articles 3804, 3806 and 3807, chapter 2, title 74, thereof, in relation to fees in the General Land Office,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Amend by striking out the last three lines of section 1.

Amend by striking out all after the words "attorney in fact," in section 2.

Amend by striking out "\$5," and inserting "\$4," in line 16 of page —

SHELburne, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 109, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide preference liens in favor of laborers, and to prescribe the manner of fixing and securing the same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DICKSON, Chairman.